

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): ~~Chromatography~~ A chromatography column comprising a first end plate (5) and a second end plate (7) separated by a column tube (3), wherein said column tube contains a movable adapter (17) connected to a duct (33) able to slide through a duct receiving opening (25) passing through said second end plate (7) ~~characterised in that~~ and further wherein said duct (33) is flexible.

Claim 2 (currently amended): ~~Chromatography column in accordance with claim 1~~ ~~characterised in that~~ The chromatography column of claim 1, wherein said duct receiving opening (25) is provided with sealing means (27) for slidably sealing against said duct (33).

Claim 3 (currently amended): ~~Chromatography column in accordance with any of the previous claims characterised in that~~ The chromatography column of claim 1, wherein said duct (33) contains at least one flexible conduit (31-31'') connectable to said movable adapter.

Claim 4 (currently amended): ~~Chromatography column in accordance with any of the previous claims characterised in that~~ The chromatography column of claim 1, wherein said column is provided with duct storage means (35) positioned outside said column.

Claim 5 (currently amended): ~~Chromatography column in accordance with claim 4~~ ~~characterised in that~~ The chromatography column of claim 4, wherein said duct storage means (35) is a reel or drum.

Claim 6 (currently amended): ~~Chromatography column in accordance with any of the previous claims characterised in that it is provided with~~ The chromatography column of claim 1, further comprising an anti-kink device for said flexible duct (33).

Claim 7 (currently amended): ~~Chromatography device in accordance with any of the previous claims characterised in that the aspect ratio of the~~ The chromatography device of claim 1, wherein said movable adapter, or movable adapter and a fitted distribution system, ~~if fitted, is~~ has an aspect ratio equal or greater than 5%.

Claim 8 (currently amended): ~~Chromatography device in accordance with claim 7 characterised in that the aspect ratio of the~~ The chromatography device of claim 7, wherein said movable adapter, or movable adapter and a fitted distribution system, ~~if fitted, is~~ has an aspect ratio equal or greater than 10%.

Claim 9 (currently amended): ~~Chromatography device in accordance with claim 7 characterised in that the aspect ratio of the~~ The chromatography device of claim 7, wherein said movable adapter, or movable adapter and a fitted distribution system, ~~if fitted, is~~ has an aspect ratio equal or greater than 20%.